

Measure I generates serious funds for San Bernardino County Revenue provides cities, towns with local control

Since its adoption by San Bernardino County voters in 1989, Measure I has been the lifeblood for cities, towns and unincorporated areas needing funding for transportation projects. Measure I provides funds for not only big projects, like the Metrolink and the new State Route 210, but also small items, like sealing cracks and restriping roads. These projects -- big and small -- help improve the quality of life for county residents.

This month's issue of *"Measuring Success"* provides a report of Measure I funds received by each jurisdiction between 1990 and 2000, the first 10 years of the sales tax's existence.

Measure I is primary funding source

Local officials agree that Measure I funds are crucial for their communities. This sales tax is the primary funding source for transportation projects.

One local mayor explained, "One of the most critical elements of any local community is adequate transportation routes. Without local revenue, such as Measure I, we would lose our ability to assure proper transportation and road maintenance."

Simply put, Measure I gives local governments the power to complete transportation improvements. Without this funding source, many projects would be placed on the back burner.

Mountain-Desert revenue

In the mountain and desert areas of the county, 99% of the Measure I dollars collected are returned to these jurisdictions to be spent on local and regional projects. The following table reflects this Measure I revenue.

CITY OR TOWN	REVENUE, 1990-2000
Adelanto	\$3,221,100
Apple Valley	\$12,653,871
Barstow	\$15,817,909
Big Bear Lake	\$4,209,128
Hesperia	\$17,247,719
Needles	\$2,119,611
Twentynine Palms	\$6,306,569
Victorville	\$33,081,162
Yucca Valley	\$6,442,377

UNINCORPORATED COUNTY AREA

Colorado River	\$553,205
Morongo Basin	\$5,349,800
Mountains	\$10,103,834
North Desert	\$9,404,187
Victor Valley	\$11,400,172



This sidewalk improvement project in Chino Hills was funded by Measure I.

San Bernardino County valley area

In the San Bernardino Valley, Measure I funds are allocated using a different formula. Some funds are pooled for major transportation projects; other funds are disbursed to cities for local projects. Funds have been distributed as follows:

CITIES	REVENUE, 1990-2000
Chino	\$5,490,668
Chino Hills	\$4,084,877
Colton	\$3,938,646
Fontana	\$10,789,383
Grand Terrace	\$1,265,286
Highland	\$4,437,093
Loma Linda	\$1,828,157
Montclair	\$5,654,517
Ontario	\$14,092,280
Rancho Cucamonga	\$14,044,871
Redlands	\$9,289,161
Rialto	\$7,515,300
San Bernardino	\$16,915,649
Upland	\$6,073,228
Yucaipa	\$3,554,330
San Bernardino County	\$12,867,727

POOLED PROJECTS

Freeway Projects	\$269,878,700
Major Arterial Streets	\$58,678,057
Metrolink	\$39,101,886
Omnitrans	\$29,313,802
Traffic mgmt./environment	\$9,788,086

